

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Hyatt Regency Sacramento
Tahoe Room
1209 "L" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The State Bar of California's Commission for the Revision of the Rules of Professional Conduct will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on thirteen (13) proposed amended Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California ("California Rules") currently circulating for a public comment period ending on June 6, 2008. The California Rules are rules approved by the Supreme Court, the violation of which will subject an attorney to discipline (see Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6076, § 6077). The Commission has been assigned to evaluate the existing California Rules, in light of developments in the attorney professional responsibility field since the last comprehensive revision of the rules occurred in 1989.

The hearing, the third of several planned over the course of this multi-year rule revision project, will be held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Sacramento on Saturday, May 22nd, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please complete and submit the attached registration form if you wish to testify. Speakers are encouraged to submit written comments in advance of the hearing, and no later than the hearing date. The time to testify may be limited based on the number of requests received. All efforts will be made to accommodate all requests to testify. Please be prepared to take questions from representatives of the Commission. Please note that the hearing will run until all speakers have had an opportunity to speak, or until 2:00 pm, whichever occurs first. Generally the order of speakers will be based upon the order in which registrations are received.

Those who intend to testify and/or present written materials should contact: Audrey Hollins, (415) 538-2167, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, audrey.hollins@calbar.ca.gov, no later than Tuesday, May 20, 2008. A copy of the Discussion Draft providing the rule proposals is available from the State Bar's website at www.calbar.ca.gov (from the Public Comment link).

Comments on the following 13 rules or issues related to these rules are the focus of this third hearing.

Rule 1.5	Fees for Legal Services [4-200]
Rule 1.7	Conflicts of Interests: Current Clients [3-310]
Rule 1.8.1	Business Transactions with a Client and Acquiring Interests Adverse to the Client [3-300]
Rule 1.13	Organization as Client [3-600]
Rule 1.16	Declining or Terminating Representation [3-700]
Rule 1.17.1	Purchase and Sale of a Law Practice [2-300]
Rule 1.17.2	Purchase and Sale of Geographic Area or Substantive Field of a Law Practice [2-300]
Rule 3.4	Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel [5-200(E)][5-220][5-310(A)]
Rule 3.5	Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal [5-300, 5-320]
Rule 3.10	Threatening Criminal, Administrative, or Disciplinary Charges [5-100]
Rule 4.2	Communication with a Person Represented by Counsel [2-100]
Rule 4.3	Dealing with Unrepresented Person [n/a]
Rule 5.4	Duty to Avoid Interference with a Lawyer's Professional Independence [1-310][1-320][1-600]

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Speaking on behalf of: _____
(if applicable) Organization/Firm

Topic or topics you intend to discuss: _____

☐ Written comment attached. ☐ Written comment to be submitted at hearing.

The deadline for advance hearing registration is Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 5:00 pm.

Please send this form to:

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